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Kind Calls on President to Start Paying for Iraq *Protecting troops top priority; Accountability needed on spending*

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) released the following statement on President Bush's request for an additional \$80 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan this year:

"Our highest priority needs to be ensuring that our troops have the tools they need to do their mission safely and effectively. I support the President's request for an additional \$80 billion for our troops in Iraq, but as a member of the Budget Committee, I believe the President should stop the raid of the Social Security Trust Fund and not leave a legacy of debt for our children to inherit. The President should include an honest accounting of the costs of the war in his annual budget, and, furthermore, he should offer a responsible plan to finance our long-term goals in Iraq."

The Congressional Budget Office announced yesterday that additional war spending will swell the federal deficit to a record \$427 billion this year.